

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 7 fabricated integrally from a durable material.

4. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 3, wherein the durable material is a plastics material .

5. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 3, wherein the durable material is derived from wood .

6. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 3, wherein the durable material is derived from a composite material.

7. (previously presented) An edge protector for protecting an edge of an article, the edge protector comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article; and

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms by a connecting portion to define

a half of the edge protector, said half having a generally S-shaped profile in cross section;
wherein
a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm; and
said edge protector is further provided with indicia.

8. (previously presented) An edge protector for protecting an edge of an article, the edge protector comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article;

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms, wherein a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm; and

a recess into which reinforcement means are insertable.

9. (previously presented) An edge protector for protecting an edge of an article, the edge protector comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article; and

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms by a connecting portion to define a half of the edge protector, said half having a generally S-shaped profile in cross section;

wherein

a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm; and

the edge protector is resiliently deformable so as to absorb energy from an impact therewith.

10-13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 4, wherein the durable material is polyvinyl chloride or polyethylene.

15. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 5, wherein the durable material is hardboard or plasticized cardboard.

16. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 6, wherein the composite material is derived from a mixture of wood or paper pulp and a rubber material.

17. (original) An edge protector according to claim 9 further provided with indicia.

18. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 9, further comprising a recess into which reinforcement means are insertable.

19-20. (canceled)

21. **(currently amended)** A transit package, comprising
a base portion having located thereon an article to be transported; and
a plurality of edge protectors each comprising:
a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which do not contact any part of the article;
and

a pair of second arms contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms by a connecting portion to define a half of the edge protector, said half having a generally S-shaped profile in cross section, wherein a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm;

wherein

each of said edge protectors is located at an edge of the article and is retained in place at that edge by retaining means; and

said retaining means comprise one or more of shrink-wrap, rope, string or straps.

22-26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented) A method of protecting the edge of an article, the method comprising locating and retaining, during transport, storage or display, at that edge an edge protector, said edge protector comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article; and

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms by a connecting portion to define a half of the edge protector, said half having a generally S-shaped profile in cross section;

wherein a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm.

28-29. (canceled)

30. (previously presented) An edge protector for protecting an edge of an article, the edge protector comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article; and

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms by a connecting portion to define a half of the edge protector, said half having a generally S-shaped profile in cross section;

wherein

a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm;

in said half of the edge protector, the portion of the second arm that is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm is a proximal portion connected to the respective connecting portion, said second arm further comprising a distal portion contiguously extending from said proximal portion away from and parallel to the respective first arm; and

in said half of the edge protector, the proximal portion of the second arm and the respective connecting portion together define a recess tapered and open toward the distal portion.

31. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 30, wherein, in said half of the edge protector, the connecting portion and the first arm are parallel.

32. (previously presented) An edge protector for protecting an edge of an article, the edge protector comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article; and

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms by a connecting portion to define a half of the edge protector, said half having a generally S-shaped profile in cross section;

wherein

a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm;

in said half of the edge protector, the portion of the second arm that is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm is a proximal portion connected to the respective connecting portion, said second arm further comprising a distal portion contiguously extending from said proximal portion away from and parallel to the respective first arm; and

said distal portion is slanted at an obtuse angle relative to said proximal portion.

33. (previously presented) An edge protector according to claim 32, wherein said obtuse angle is close to 180 degree.

34. (previously presented) An edge protector for protecting an edge of an article, the edge protector comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article; and

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms by a connecting portion to define a half of the edge protector, said half having a generally S-shaped profile in cross section;

wherein

a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm;

in said half of the edge protector, the portion of the second arm that is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm is a proximal portion connected to the respective connecting portion, said second arm further comprising a distal portion contiguously extending from said proximal portion away from and parallel to the respective first arm; and

said first arms are slanted at an acute angle relative to each other.

35. (previously presented) A transit package, comprising
a base portion having located thereon an article to be transported; and
a plurality of edge protectors each comprising:
a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which do not contact any part of the article;
and
a pair of second arms contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article, each of said

second arms being connected to one of said first arms, wherein a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm;

wherein

each of said edge protectors is located at an edge of the article and is retained in place at that edge by retaining means;

the base portion is a pallet

the portion of each of said second arms that is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm is a proximal portion of said second arm which further comprises a distal portion contiguously extending from said proximal portion away from and parallel to the respective first arm; and

said proximal portion is connected to the respective first arm by a connecting portion which, together with said proximal portion, defines a recess tapered and open toward the distal portion.

36. (previously presented) A transit package according to claim 35, wherein said distal portion is parallel to the respective connecting portion and first arm, and is slanted at an obtuse angle relative to said proximal portion.

37. (new) A transit package according to claim 21, wherein said edge protectors further comprise indicia.

38. (new) A transit package according to claim 21, wherein each of said edge protectors further comprises a recess into which reinforcement means are insertable.

39. (new) A transit package according to claim 21, wherein each of said edge protectors is resiliently deformable so as to absorb energy from an impact therewith.

40. (new) A transit package according to claim 21, wherein, in each half of each of the

edge protectors,

the portion of the second arm that is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm is a proximal portion connected to the respective connecting portion, said second arm further comprising a distal portion contiguously extending from said proximal portion away from and parallel to the respective first arm; and

said distal portion is slanted at an obtuse angle relative to said proximal portion.

41. (new) A transit package according to claim 21, wherein

in each half of each of the edge protectors, the portion of the second arm that is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm is a proximal portion connected to the respective connecting portion, said second arm further comprising a distal portion contiguously extending from said proximal portion away from and parallel to the respective first arm; and

at least one of the edge protectors has the first arms which are slanted at an acute angle relative to each other.